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To All TPA's licensed in the State of Idaho:

During the 2010 legislative session, the Idaho State Legislature adopted a new chapter in the Idaho Code, Chapter 60, Title 41, entitled "Immunization Assessments." The intent of the Legislature was to provide funding for the Idaho Immunization Program to continue to provide vaccines for insured Idaho children. The new chapter creates a dedicated vaccine fund and an independent board which is empowered to assess fees from all health plans to fund vaccine purchases. Detailed information regarding this legislation may be found at <http://legislature.idaho.gov/legislation/2010/H0432.htm> and <http://legislature.idaho.gov/legislation/2010/H0657.htm>.

It is important for third party administrators to understand the new law applies to all "plans" which are defined to include insurers *and administrators providing and/or administering health insurance or health benefit coverage in Idaho*. Plans are required to report to the Department of Insurance numbers of all children in Idaho for which they provide coverage. For reporting purposes, TPA's are required to report all plans with covered persons residing within the state of Idaho, insured plans or self-funded plans.

For this purpose, health insurance or health benefit coverage includes all health coverage except for the following limited coverages:

- coverage limited to a specific disease
- hospital confinement indemnity
- accident only
- credit
- dental
- vision
- Medicare supplement
- long term care
- disability income insurance
- student health benefits only coverage issued as a supplement to liability insurance
- worker's compensation
- automobile medical payment insurance
- nonrenewable short term coverage issued for a period of twelve (12) months or less

Plans are required to report covered lives as specified below. Plans are encouraged to further specify the numbers of these identified subscribers and dependents having and not having coverage for childhood vaccines. Assessments will be based on identified subscribers and dependents having coverage for childhood vaccines ("program-eligible children") if that number

is provided. If a plan does not provide the numbers having coverage for childhood vaccines, that plan will be assessed on all covered lives as specified below.

For 2010, TPA's are required to report the number of covered persons who have:

- a date of birth after December 31, 1991; AND
- health coverage (whether primary or non-primary) as of February 28, 2010, AND
- a mailing address within the State of Idaho (for dependents, the mailing address is the address of the plan subscriber).

As noted above, plans are encouraged to further specify the numbers of these identified subscribers and dependents having and not having coverage for childhood vaccines.

Plans also will be required to report their numbers of covered children in Idaho for 2011 and subsequent years.

In order for the Immunization Assessment Board to correctly calculate your 2010 immunization assessment pursuant to Idaho Code §41-6006, please complete the attached survey and return it to my attention no later than June 18, 2010. Your firm will receive the notice of assessment within 60 days. Payments are due within sixty (60) days of the notice. A quarterly payment option will be available for assessments totaling \$20,000 or more per calendar year.

If you have questions regarding the attached survey, please visit the Idaho Immunizations Act information on our website at [www.doi.idaho.gov](http://www.doi.idaho.gov) or contact the department by email at [ImmuneAssess@doi.idaho.gov](mailto:ImmuneAssess@doi.idaho.gov).

Regards,

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